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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Mike Blossfeld et al.

Application No.: 09/818,127

Group No.: 2832

Filed: March 27, 2001

Examiner: N. Nguyen

For: **MULTI-STAGE PUSHBUTTON SWITCH APPARATUS**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is

- ☐ a small entity. A verified statement:
☐ is attached.
☐ was already filed.
☒ other than a small entity.

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EXTENSION OF TERM

NOTE: *"Extension of Time in Patent Cases (Supplement Amendments) – If a timely and complete response has been filed after a Non-Final Office Action, an extension of time is not required to permit filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period.*

If a timely response has been filed after a Final Office Action, an extension of time is required to permit filing and/or entry of a Notice of Appeal or filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period unless the timely-filed response placed the application in condition for allowance. Of course, if a Notice of Appeal has been filed within the shortened statutory period, the period has ceased to run." Notice of December 10, 1985 (1061 O.G. 34-35).

NOTE: *See 37 CFR 1.645 for extensions of time in interference proceedings, and 37 CFR 1.550(c) for extensions of time in reexamination proceedings.*

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a) ☐ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (fees: 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(1)-(4) for the total number of months check below:

Extension (months)	Fee for other than small entity	Fee for small entity
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 400.00	\$200.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 920.00	\$460.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,440.00	\$720.00

Fee \$ _____

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next time, if applicable)

- ☐ An extension for _____ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ _____

OR

- (b) ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)		(Col. 3)		SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE.	OR	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	*7	MINUS	** 20	=0	X\$ 9=	\$		X\$ 18=	\$0.00
INDEP.	*1	MINUS	*** 3	=0	X\$ 42=	\$		X\$ 84=	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				=0	X\$140=	\$		X\$280=	\$0.00
						TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	OR	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	\$0.00

* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.

** If the "Highest No. Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, enter "20".

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WARNING "After final rejection or action (§1.113) amendments may be made canceling claims or complying with any requirement of form which has been made." 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(a)(emphasis added).

(complete (c) or (d), as applicable)

(c) ☒ No additional fee for claims is required.

OR

(d) ☐ Total additional fee for claims required \$ _____

FEE PAYMENT

5. ☐ Attached is a check in the sum of \$ _____

☐ Charge Account No. 20-0090 the sum of \$ _____

A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

FEE DEFICIENCY

NOTE: If there is a fee deficiency and there is no authorization to charge an account, additional fees are Necessary to cover the additional time consumed in making up the original deficiency. If the maximum, six-month period has expired before the deficiency is noted and corrected, the application is held abandoned. In those instances where authorization to charge is included, processing delays are encountered in returning the papers to the PTO Finance Branch in order to apply these charges prior to action on the cases. Authorization to charge the deposit account for any fee deficiency should be checked. See the Notice of April 7, 1986 (1065 O.G. 31-33).

6. ☒ If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. 20-0090.

AND/OR

- ☒ If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Account No. 20-0090.



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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 4, 2001,
please amend the above-identified application, as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8,
line 12, and ending on page 9, line 2, with the following
rewritten paragraph:

The apparatus 10 further includes a third
membrane 60. The third membrane 60 has a portion
secured to an upper surface of the depressible
member 20 as shown in the drawings. The third